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SUBJECT: FMS CASES FOR SAUDI ARABIA

1. FOR YOUR INFORMATION, TWO PROPOSED FMS CASES FOR SAUDI ARABIA HAVE BEEN TRANSMITTED TO CONGRESS (PURSUANT TO SECTION 36(B) OF THE FOREIGN MILITARY SALES ACT).

2. THE FIRST CASE IS FOR SAUDI NAVAL EXPANSION PROGRAM; CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS; THE PROPOSED LETTER OF OFFER IS FOR \$142.8 MILLION. THE SECOND IS CASE UNZ, WHICH WOULD PROVIDE FUNDS FOR FACILITIES AND RELATED ITEMS AND SERVICES REQUIRED TO SUPPORT USMTM: AMOUNT IS \$27.9 MILLION.

3. THE REPORT CONCERNING THE LOA FOR THE NAVAL EXPANSION PROGRAM IS UNCLASSIFIED. THE DOD OFFICE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS ROUTINELY INFORMS THE PRESS OF ALL UNCLASSIFIED SECTION CONFIDENTIAL

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36(B) REPORTS, AND THEY ARE NORMALLY PUBLISHED PROMPTLY IN

THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

4. THE REPORT ON CASE UNZ WILL BE UNCLASSIFIED EXCEPT FOR THE NAME OF THE PROSPECTIVE PURCHASING COUNTRY, WHICH WE HAVE CLASSIFIED CONFIDENTIAL UNTIL THE CASE HAS BEEN SIGNED IN ORDER TO AVOID COMPLICATING YOUR NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE SAUDIS. THUS, DOD WILL ANNOUNCE THE AMOUNT OF THE PROPOSED LOA, A DESCRIPTION OF THE ARTICLES OR SERVICES OFFERED, AND THE U.S. MILITARY DEPARTMENT (ARMY) INVOLVED, BUT WILL NOT IDENTIFY THE PURCHASING COUNTRY. KISSINGER

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